4TH SENATE DISTRICT

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

STATE SENATOR LENA C. TAYLOR



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Week of February 16 — 22



#### COMMUNITY ALERT

Gathering to Save Lives Blood Drive: Saturday, March 1st 10am –3pm

The first 50 people to donate will receive 2 free ticket's to Jammin' 98.3's The Gathering

Call the Blood Center of Wisconsin at (877)-232-4376 for an appointment!

Dear Friend,

Thank you for reading the legislative update. I hope you find the information provided here useful.

As Always, I'm Here to Serve!



### **MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AND AWARENESS DAY**

Motorcycles are an excellent source of transportation and recreation, but it is important to be aware of the risks. Today, I introduced the Resolution into the Senate. This resolution proclaims May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as



Source:: blackwomenworldhistory.tumblr.cor

Motorcycle Safety and Awareness Day. May is nationally recognized as the month motorcycles become more popular on our roads. Therefore, it is important that other motorists are aware of the increased presence and the potential hazards this presents, as well as highway safety standards. Next session, I plan to reintroduce this resolution as a bill, as road safety is an issue that affects everyone. In the meantime, I would like to thank all of the cosponsors on this resolution; I am grateful for the significant bi-partisan support for our mission to spread the message about the joys of motorcycling.

### **DISPUTING VOTER ID LAWS**



On February 25<sup>th</sup>, the Wisconsin Supreme Court will hear oral arguments regarding recent voter ID laws. Two cases, *League of Women Voters vs.*Scott Walker and Milwaukee Branch of the NAACP vs. Scott Walker, contend that 2011 Act 23's photo ID require-

ments are unconstitutional, as they create new voter qualifications and burden those without photo IDs. GOP-backed voter ID laws disproportionately target African American voters, and I am committed to ensuring that everyone enjoys the right to participate in the political process. Oral arguments will be held at 9:45AM at 2 East Main Street in Madison and are open to the public. I encourage all who want to stay updated on voter ID laws to attend.



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### MILWAUKEE'S STUNNING SHORELINE



I am proud to cosponsor Senate Bill 522, which passed unanimously out of committee this week. The bill clarifies the boundary for two miles of Wisconsin's prized shoreline and provides crucial development opportunities for Milwaukee County. For example, the Couture site, a \$180 million investment, will add about \$10 million to the local tax base and

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support more than 2600 jobs. Other developments could lead to over 4,000 family-supporting jobs. By investing in

Milwaukee's shoreline, which has drawn visitors for generations, I believe we can increase employment and revitalize the beautiful lakefront.

#### CREATIVITY IN THE COMMUNITY

I was honored to sign on to cosponsor SB 568, a bipartisan bill that recognizes the importance of art in community building. It establishes a grant program to support creative industries, job creation, and economic development through grants to local organizations. Art is crucial for child development and education, and it can help to promote cultural identity and traditions. During Black History Month, this especially calls to mind African-American cultural treasures such as Langston Hughes, Ella Fitzgerald, and Jacob Lawrence. I believe that these creative industries are vital to our society and deserve to be protected.

## Wise Words of the Week!

**Contact Us!** 

We Enjoy Hearing From You! "Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it."

- Maya Angelou



"I've been absolutely terrified every moment of my life—and I've never let it keep me from doing a single thing that I wanted to do."

- Georgia O'Keefe